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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for the renewal of water pollution control discharge permit NEV20010 from the following applicant:

Gerlach General Improvement District
P.O. Box 209
Gerlach, NV 89412

The applicant provides sewer and wastewater treatment services in the town of Gerlach, in northern Washoe County, Nevada. The treatment facility is located 0.5 mile south of the town site, and consists of two-0.75 acre facultative ponds, which are operated in parallel and are alternately rotated in and out of service on a two-week schedule. Pond effluent is discharged to a 9.5-acre percolation/evaporation basin. An additional 1.75-acre emergency percolation basin has been constructed but has not been used to date. The receiving water is groundwater of the State of Nevada.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue a permit to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent and operation limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
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Comments or objections must be received within the thirty (30) day comment period, which begins on the date of this publication. Comments and/or hearing requests postmarked or received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. May 9, 2005 will be considered in the final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control by phone at (775) 687-9458, or by email at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the fact sheet can also be viewed at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring this notice to the attention of persons who may be interested in the above-proposed action.